

Experts Together Safeguarding Together

Opening Address
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Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so **much**

- Helen Keller



Experts Together
Safeguarding Together

Developing our strategic plan

- Talking to people with a lived experience and our partners.
- Listening to what is important.
- Thinking about what is working well, and areas to develop or change.
- Looking at data and intelligence.



The six principles of safeguarding

1.

Empowerment

Support vulnerable people to make their own informed decisions.

2.

Partnership

Work with other organisations and the local community to keep people safe.

3.

Prevention

Take action to stop abuse, harm and neglect before it occurs.

4.

Proportionality

Respond in the least intrusive manner as appropriate to the risk.

6.

Accountability

Everyone close to a vulnerable person is responsible for noting safeguarding concerns.

5.

Protection

Understand the best ways to support vulnerable people.



Empowerment

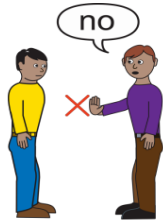
- Working directly with adults with care and support needs to enhance our communications, policies and procedures, so that people are empowered to make their own decisions to live free from abuse and harm.
- Strengthening the voice of carers, recognising the importance of their own personal wellbeing and resilience, alongside those of the person they care for.



Partnership

- Engaging with local community groups and the voluntary sector to raise awareness and understanding of safeguarding adults, with a focus on diverse, isolated and under - represented communities.
- Working with other partnership boards in North Lincolnshire and in the region, to ensure a collaborative approach is taken to safeguarding.

Safeguarding Adults in North Lincolnshire



**Say
No!
to abuse**

Easy Read Leaflet



Mate Crime



Prevention

- Continuing to raise awareness of safeguarding adults in a variety of formats to help people understand what abuse is, recognise the signs, and know how to seek help.
- Continuing to promote a positive learning and improvement culture, where we continually reflect on our practice and learn from local, regional and national reviews, and identify ways to prevent and reduce harm.

Proportionality

- Delivering multi - agency and bespoke safeguarding adults training and education, enhancing awareness and understanding.
- Ensuring people are signposted to independent support, advice and advocacy to reduce risk and build future resilience.



Protection



- Ensuring our policies, procedures and guidance are effective, flexible, and adapt in response to learning.
- Strengthening practice, particularly around professional curiosity, carer awareness, legal literacy, and trauma informed responses.
- Using all available data and intelligence to help recognise emerging themes and trends, including considering hidden harm, and ensuring action is taken when needed.

Accountability

Experts Together -
Workforce Tool

- Holding partners to account and ensuring effective system oversight of safeguarding adults arrangements, functions, and performance.
- Ensuring there are effective mechanisms in place to ensure information sharing is not a barrier.

VALUING
THE LIVED
EXPERIENCE

